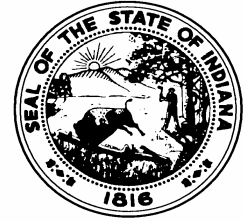


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MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Suellen Reed, State Superintendent
Members, Advisory Board of the Division of Profession Standards

From: Mary Glenn Rinne, Assistant Director of Teacher Education

Date: December 13, 2006

RE: Recommendation on NCATE Accredited On-Line Teacher Education Programs

In the fall of 2006, NCATE approved Western Governor's University as an on-line teacher preparation program. To provide clarity to the applicants who have completed an approved program through Western Governor's University, the staff needs to establish a policy for when the division will accept program completers. There are several options, including:

1. Approve students who have completed programs at Western Governor's University at any time.
2. Approve students who have completed programs at Western Governor's University after October 1, 2006.
3. Approve students who enrolled in and completed their program at Western Governor's University after October 1, 2006.

In keeping with our advisory board process, staff is recommending that this issue be addressed by the Teacher Education Committee as soon as possible for a recommendation to be returned to the advisory board in March.

Staff is also recommending that the policy recommendation be consistent with any future on-line teacher preparation programs that are approved

Staff Recommendation:

The Teacher Education Committee is charged to recommend a policy to the advisory board in March on when applicants who have completed a teacher education program at Western Governor's University or any future on-line teacher preparation programs accredited by NCATE be accepted by the division of professional standards:
